



THE ALEXANDRA HEADLAND MALIBU CLUB

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NEXT CLUB COMP

Sunday Nov 30th

6:30am at the Bluff

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Wednesday Nov 26th

**7:00pm at the Mooloolaba
SLSC**

From the President

G'day Dudes & Dudettes,

Welcome to the last edition of the 2008 Alex Mal Club newsletter. I would like to start by saying a very big thank-you to all our club members who have helped out at all our major events and also our monthly comps. Without you lot there would be no club. Also to the committee of 2008 – you guys rock!! Your support & hard work is appreciated. This year was a financial success & of course a social one, and without you it wouldn't have been possible.

Jack Boast Memorial Junior Longboard Classic

Saturday 8th Nov was the Jack Boast Junior Comp. The comp was held @ Pearce Park in Maroochydore but without huey on our side. The surf was 1-2ft chop with the northerly getting up to 15-20knots. Bugger... But without huey on our side the kids still ripped it up out there making it look so easy. Well done to all competitors and congrats to all place getters. Thanks to the Bargara gang for heading down and supporting our club and also to Caloundra and Noosa. A special thank-you goes to John Turner (aka JT) who helped in every way on the day and didn't stop – you rock JT, thanks!! Also thanks to all Alex mal club members who came down on the day to help out.

3-Way Comp

Caloundra – Alex – Noosa

Sunday 9th Nov was the 3-Way comp. We had tiny but clean 1-2ft waves until 10.30 when the southerly blew up and spoiled a perfect morning. We all decided to can the last few heats as what little surf we did have was gone. Huge thanks to the Noosa Club who hosted the comp this year. It's great to see this tradition still happening strong and hopefully continuing for many more years to come. It was great to catch up with the Caloundra crew too. Also thanks to the Alex club members who supported the comp (even if it was due to the beer factor). Oh yeah, We WON! That's 2 down in a row and we're trying for a hat trick next year. Hope to see you all there.

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Wednesday 26th Nov – Last club meeting 7pm @ MSLSC – a big turn out would be great as we will be discussing the future of the club and finalising Xmas presso's.

Sunday 30th Nov – Last club comp 6.30am @ "The Bluff" for our last comp of the year. Let's make it a huge one!! Remember to bring your "AQUA" Xmas fancy dress costume to wear in your heat at the last comp!! And yes Stocky – their will be prizes up for grabs!!!

Saturday 13th Dec - Xmas party @ Pearce Park, Maroochydore. Starting from 12pm. Join in all the shenanigans including footy, cricket and any other ball games we can think of followed by a BBQ then presso's.

Don't forget the **AGM for 2009** - held on **Wed 28th Jan 09**, 7pm Mooloolaba Surf Club. All committee positions are up for grabs.

C u in the Blue

Bluey

p.s. If you won a perpetual trophy last year can you please give it back to me asap or the last comp as I need to get the plaques done for this year.

Comp day, Sunday 26th October 2008, was classic Queensland, warm & sunny with a tiny swell and crystal water. Delicious! Ed.



Bret Hayward doin' the two-step



Drew pullin the chain



Paul Newman (now in the US) doing the three-step



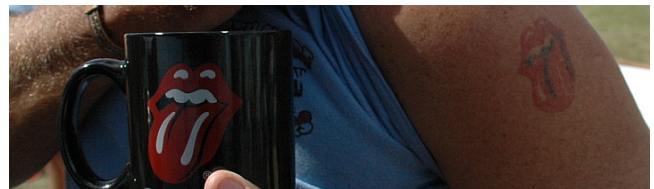
Wayne Mercer on his new submarine



Making the small conditions more interesting



Drew finding a spot for a nice little reo



Matching coffee cup & tatoo



Wayne on his normal board



Josh doing a Mr Universe pose and Gillies giving him the thumbs up

A cheese sandwich walked into a pub and the barman said "Sorry, we don't serve food".

The Director's Cut

G'day malriders and fellow saltwater lovers. We've had a big month since the last club comp, which we were very lucky to get in. So far this year we've been blessed with waves on our comp days even when comps have been postponed and the following week we get waves. "thank you huey, you rock".

Last comp was not the best conditions or offshore and pumping but we got it in and that's what counts. The Jack Boast and the three way were exactly these type of comps, difficult but we got 'em in and had fun doing it. I'd like to thank everyone who got involved in these comps and showed great support for their club, you guys and girls are champions and the backbone of our club. Some of the workers at the Jack Boast don't have kids or their kids are now adults, that's dedication.

Also thanks to all Alex club members who surfed in the three way comp helping their club to smash Noosa and Caloundra for the third year in a row. GREAT EFFORT TEAM!!!! Ya bloods worth bottling.

I'd like to thank this years committee and work crew as this is probably my last top class drool session that I punch out most months and bore the crap out of you desperados who read this dribbling , confusing almost genius rubbish. I'm still waiting for a big contract to write speeches for the queen, I'm sure that's not far off.

Thank you to our very energetic president Bluey, she has done us and herself proud. Thanks to all the rest of the committee Damo, Tim, Deb, Stocky, Springer, Big Cam, John Turner, Dave, Pat and all our work crew who are always there. Thanks also to past committee for their input and a lot of work done behind the scenes, good on ya guys. Thanks to my 2 I.C., Josh who has also done a lot of work for the club. This clubs' strength is in it's members so let's hope we can maintain that strength next year. The yearly tally is very close and could be decided on the last comp, so please be there.

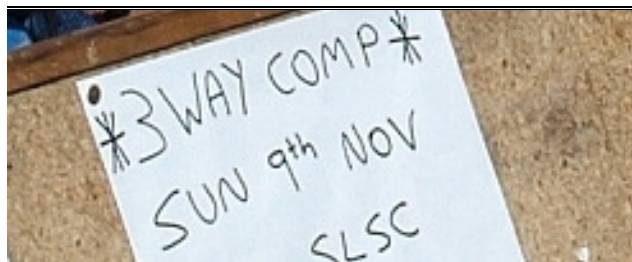
The presso party is going to be a ball-tearer this year. Plenty of good food and a few raspberries too, then the presso and maybe a few shananigans.

C U next comp DREW

The Jack Boast Memorial Junior Longboard Comp

I apologise to all involved that I don't have any results or photos to include here. I will endeavour to include these results in the website sometime in the future.

JOKE: Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were taking a walk one fine March day.
One remarked to the other, "Windy, ain't it?"
"No," the second man replied, "It's Thursday."
And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a coke."



The 3 Way Comp went off again with good spirits and despite the lack of surf and a fast approaching change, a whole lot of fun was had. Thanks to the Noosa Mal Club who had the bacon and egg burgers happening nice and early. Probably the best call of the day was the decision to have 15 minute heats; which meant that we got thru nearly all the heats with only the last couple being cancelled due to strengthening sou'easters. Thanks again to the Noosa and Caloundra Clubs and we'll look forward to next year.



The Alex tent was noisy – something in the water I was told



Kevi screaming down the line (probably hasn't gone left in years)



The ceremonial departing of the Treasure Chest



A big cheer as the Treasure Chest passes the guard of honour. Above photos courtesy of Andrew at Noosa Mal Club, thanks.

From Tim the Treasurer

Well mal club members the end of the year is virtually upon us and just one more club comp to run on the 30th November. The October comp was fun small waves at the bluff and a reasonable turnout for members.

The Christmas party will be held Saturday 13th December at Pierce Park in Maroochydore and should be a huge occasion with plenty of food and drinks.

The 3 way comp was held at Castaways and we had a solid turnout from Alex Club members. The heats were called off just prior to my heat due to the howling southerly wind. On the upside I had just enjoyed a fantastic 2 hour free surf down the beach from the comp area because I could see the front coming through and the peelers were simply too nice to let go unriden.

It has been a great year for the club and we are fairly comfortable financially however in this recession money is hard to come by as you would all know and so we must be prudent about what we spend the funds on, except for the xmas party, that is going to be bigger than Ben Hur.

Unfortunately I simply do not have the required amount of time to continue in the role of treasurer next year and I will be standing down. Please have a chat to me if you are interested in the role and what it entails, as far as I am aware all committee positions will be up for filling at the AGM in January.

Also I would just like to bring your attention to a fantastic website I regularly look at www.theislandstyle.com which has longboarding news from around the world, updated daily and also all the club newsletters of various longboarding clubs. Hopefully we are heading into a summer of great waves....

Tim



Upcoming Comps

Go to the following page for more details on surfing comps; <http://www.australianlongboarding.com/homepage.htm>

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That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.